

**“There is no easy way to create a world  
where men and women can live together,  
where each has his own job and house,  
where all children receive as much  
education as their minds can absorb. But  
if such a world is created in our lifetime,  
it will be done in the United States by  
Negroes and white people of good will. It  
will be accomplished by persons who have  
the courage to put an end to suffering by  
willingly suffering themselves rather than  
inflict suffering upon others. It will be  
done by rejecting the racism, materialism  
and violence that has characterized  
Western civilization and especially by  
working toward a world of brotherhood,  
cooperation and peace.”**

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
May 4, 1966*

Some quotations and pictures listed in this brochure are excerpts from Dr. King’s speeches; others are from “Visions of Excellence – African-American Words of Inspiration.” Photographs are from the following books: “He Had a Dream;” “King, the Photo Biography of Martin Luther King Jr.,” “The Story of Martin Luther King;” “The Life and Death of Martin Luther King Jr.,” and “Martin Luther King Jr.”

The activities and events that are listed in this calendar represent those submitted to the Commission prior to the printing deadline.

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**THE 2017 COMMISSION  
MEMBERS FOR THE  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission was appointed by the governor of the state of Missouri in 1986. The specific mission of the Celebration Commission is to consider and recommend to individuals and organizations appropriate activities for the recognition and celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the state of Missouri. Commissioners are:

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October 27, 2016

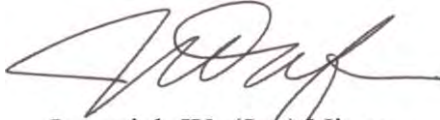
Dear Friends:

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes, made on behalf of the six million citizens of Missouri, to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission. For over three decades, you have led our state in paying tribute to the lifework and legacy of one of the greatest leaders this country has ever seen, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and I have been honored to be a part of your efforts.

During his all-too brief life, Dr. King was a beacon of hope and inspiration for many millions of people worldwide through his thoughtful wisdom, moving oratory, and courage in the face of physical danger. More than 48 years after he was taken, his spirit has continued to inspire countless people to work to remove barriers, and to promote peace and justice. May that inspiration live on for many generations to come.

Thank you for what you have accomplished on behalf of our state. May God bless the memory of Dr. King, and may God bless our great state of Missouri and these United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jay Nixon', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

250,000 people marched in Washington, D.C. on August 28, 1963, coming by plane, bus, train, and on foot, and from every walk of life. It was the biggest peaceful demonstration for civil rights in history.

*Quote from "Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

## **The National Celebration of the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

On August 27, 1984, following an act of the 98th Congress of the United States of America, President Ronald Reagan signed into law, legislation creating the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Federal Holiday Commission.

As provided in the authorizing legislation, the purpose of the Commission was to encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the United States relating to the first legal observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 15, 1986, and to provide advice and assistance to federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations with respect to the observance.

Congress created the Commission in recognition of the historical importance of the first observation of our newest holiday and the need for an organized effort at the federal level to ensure that the first observance was a success.

In this spirit, the State Celebration Commission of Missouri wholeheartedly supports the federal Commission's efforts to successfully fulfill this Congressional mandate.

# **“I Have A Dream” Speech**

by

**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Delivered on the Lincoln Memorial Steps  
in  
Washington, D.C.  
August 28, 1963**



“Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to

end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. So we have come here today to dramatize an appalling condition.

In a sense, we have come to our nation's capitol to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, which has come back marked 'insufficient funds.' But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. So we have come to cash this check – a check that will give us, upon demand, the riches of freedom and the security of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to rise

from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. 1963 is not an end, but a beginning. Those who hope that the Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. There will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold, which leads to the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy, which has engulfed the Negro community, must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for

many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?' We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow cells. Some of you have come from areas where your quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive.

Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed. Let us not wallow in the valley of despair.

I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor's lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where all black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be

made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, 'My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

And if America is to be a great nation, this must come true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!

But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be

able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"



"I would challenge you today  
to see that his spirit never dies  
and that we will go forward  
from this experience, which to  
me represents the crucifixion  
– on toward the resurrection  
and redemption of his spirit.  
We must carry on..."

*Coretta Scott King*

# **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The King Holiday**

Mrs. Coretta Scott King

A day to reaffirm the American ideals of freedom, justice and opportunity for all.

A day to love, not hate; for understanding, not anger; for peace, not war.

A day for families to share together, to reach out to relatives and friends and to mend broken relationships.

A day when the community rids itself of the barriers that divide it and comes together as one.

A day when people of all races, religions, classes and nations in life put aside their differences and join in a spirit of togetherness.

A day for nations of the world to cease all violent actions, seek nonviolent solutions and demonstrate that peace is not just a dream but a real possibility, if only for one day.

*If* for only one day, each of us serves as a “drum major for justice and peace,” then we bring to life the inspiring vision of freedom of which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed, a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who awakened in us the best qualities.

**City of St. Louis  
Official Proclamation  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Statewide Celebration**



**Francis G. Slay  
Mayor, City of St. Louis**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in the challenging times we currently face, the values of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. -- tolerance, nonviolence, compassion, responsibility and moral courage -- are even more critical to all of us; and

**WHEREAS**, Monday, January 16, 2017, has been established as a day to reaffirm those values and the universal ideals of freedom, peace, justice and equal opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. touched the hearts of people around the world and will live on as surely as men and women continue to seek justice and peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is designed for people from every walk of life -- every race, color, creed, age, gender and economic status to continue the efforts to reach out to each other, recognizing that we

have far more in common than we have differences; and

**WHEREAS**, I encourage all St. Louisans to remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and work for justice and equal opportunity and to celebrate and bring his dream to life.

Now, therefore, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2017, as:

**“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY”  
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2017.

If I can help somebody as I pass  
along,  
If I can cheer somebody with a song,  
If I can show somebody he's  
traveling wrong,  
Then my living will not be in vain.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# King Holiday Bell Ringing

In 1986, the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission began the tradition of ringing the U.S. Liberty Bell on the holiday honoring Dr. King. The Bell-Ringing Ceremony takes place in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the third Monday of January at noon E.S.T. Simultaneously, similar ceremonies take place on the capitols of each of the 50 states with the governors ringing replica Liberty Bells, which were cast and sent to the states by President Harry Truman.

The Bell-Ringing Ceremony was created to serve as an appropriate opening for events that encourage us to remember, celebrate and act on the King Holiday, such as community service projects, forums on race relations, parades or marches. Since the ceremony began, churches, synagogues, mosques, schools and civic organizations have also participated. For religious or ethnic cultures that have no tradition of bell ringing, the commission has encouraged them to participate in the ceremony with an expression appropriate to their tradition, like the blowing of the shofar or the singing of a song.

A particularly fitting symbol for honoring the work of Dr. King, the Liberty Bell was introduced to a national audience as a symbol for the abolitionist movement. The first reference historians can find to the name "Liberty Bell" is on the cover of an 1837 edition of *Liberty*, published by the New York Anti-Slavery Society. Previously known only in Philadelphia as the State House Bell, the bell, used as an antislavery symbol, brought it to much greater prominence.

# **Major Issues of Dr. King's Campaigns From 1954-1968**

## **1955**

Non-segregated buses – Montgomery, AL

## **1961**

Freedom Rides – Washington, D.C. to New Orleans

## **1962**

Non-segregated public accommodations and voting rights – Albany, GA

## **1963**

Non-segregated public accommodations: affirmative action – Birmingham, AL

## **1964**

Non-segregated public accommodations – St. Augustine, FL

## **1965**

Guaranteed protection voting rights – Selma, AL

## **1966**

Open housing; ending slums – Chicago, IL

## **1967**

Ending slums; jobs – Cleveland, OH

## **1968**

Right to organize for garbage workers – Memphis, TN

End poverty in the United States – Poor People's Campaign

Right to organize for hospital workers (planned by Dr. King, led by Ralph Abernathy) – Charleston, SC

# DR. KING'S SIX PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

*“Often the question has arisen concerning my own intellectual pilgrimage to nonviolence. In order to get at this question it is necessary to go back to my early teens in Atlanta. I had grown up abhorring not only segregation, but also the oppressive and barbarous acts that grew out of it.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Principle 1:** *Nonviolence is not passive, but requires courage.*

**Principle 2:** *Nonviolence seeks reconciliation, not defeat of an adversary.*

**Principle 3:** *Nonviolent action is directed at eliminating evil, not destroying an evil-doer.*

**Principle 4:** *A willingness to accept suffering for the cause, if necessary, but never to inflict it.*

**Principle 5:** *A rejection of hatred, animosity or violence of the spirit, as well as refusal to commit physical violence.*

**Principle 6:** *Faith that justice will prevail.*

# DR. KING'S SIX STEPS OF NONVIOLENCE

1. *Information gathering and research to get the facts straight.*
2. *Education of adversaries and the public about the facts of the dispute.*
3. *Personal commitment to nonviolent attitudes and action.*
4. *Negotiation with an adversary in a spirit of goodwill to correct injustice.*
5. *Nonviolent direct action, such as marches, boycotts, mass demonstrations, picketing, sit-ins, etc., to help persuade or compel adversary to work toward dispute-resolution.*
6. *Reconciliation of adversaries in a win-win outcome to establish a sense of community.*

**Fundamental tenets of Dr. King's  
philosophy of nonviolence described  
in his first book,  
*Stride Toward Freedom*.**

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## ***THE DISTINGUISHED KEYNOTE SPEAKER***

*2017 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Statewide Celebration  
Kick-Off Program*

*Saturday, January 7, 2017  
6:30 p.m.  
Harris-Stowe State University  
Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration  
Building  
3026 Laclede Avenue  
St. Louis, MO*



***Dr. Marc Lamont Hill***

***Host of BET News and VH1 Live  
And Political Contributor for CNN***

Dr. Hill is one of the leading intellectual voices in the country. He is currently the host of BET News and VH1 Live, as well as a political contributor for CNN. An award-winning journalist, Dr. Hill has received numerous prestigious awards from the National Association of Black Journalists, GLAAD and the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Hill is a distinguished professor of African American Studies at Morehouse College. Prior to that, he held positions at Columbia University and Temple University. Since his days as a youth in Philadelphia, Dr. Hill has been a social justice activist and organizer. He is a founding board member of My5th, a non-profit organization devoted to educating youth about their legal rights and responsibilities. He is also a board member and organizer of the Philadelphia Student Union. Dr. Hill works closely with the ACLU Drug Reform project, focusing on drug informant policy. Over the past few years, he has actively worked on campaigns to end the death penalty and to release numerous political prisoners.

Ebony Magazine has named him one of America's 100 most influential Black leaders. Dr. Hill is the author or co-author of four books: the award-winning *Beats, Rhymes and Classroom Life: Hip-Hop Pedagogy and the Politics of Identity*; *The Classroom and the Cell: Conversations on Black life in America*; *Nobody: Casualties of America's War on the Vulnerable from Ferguson to Flint and Beyond*; and

Gentrifier (January 2017). He has also published two edited books: *Media, Learning and the Sites of Possibility*; and *Schooling Hip-Hop: New Directions in Hip-Hop Based Education*.

Trained as an anthropologist of education, Dr. Hill holds a Ph.D. (with distinction) from the University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on the intersections between culture, politics and education.

# CAPE GIRARDEAU



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date:** January 18, 2017  
**Time:** Doors open at 5 p.m.  
Program begins at 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual  
Celebration Dinner  
**Place:** Show Me Center Arena  
1333 North Sprigg St.

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Dinner honors the legacy of the historic humanitarian with a night of reflection, dinner and entertainment. The guest speaker has been one of the most respected voices in our nation's civil rights, gender equality and social justice movements, Dr. Mary Frances Berry. Admission is \$20/ticket, \$160/table or sponsorship levels ranging from \$250-\$3,000. Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University. **Contact:** Sia Sharma at 573-651-2626 or [mlkcommittee@semo.edu](mailto:mlkcommittee@semo.edu).

**Date:** February 1, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Campus and Community Connections  
**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
Gallery 13 South Spanish Street  
One University Plaza

Southeast Missouri State University's Black Faculty/Staff Alliance and the Academic Support Centers are hosting an event for the African American campus members and community members to connect and discuss issues critical to the development and success of the African American community overall. Please join this networking event at one of the outstanding art galleries in downtown Cape Girardeau. The discussion will include building and maintaining professional relationships on campus and within the community. Admission is free. **Contact:** Tameka Randle at 573-986-6135 or [trundle@semo.edu](mailto:trundle@semo.edu).



**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Event:** All Politics are Personal

**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
University Center Tribute Room  
One University Plaza

Political awareness and understanding are critical to Americans, the shifting political base impacts us all from the local to the national level. This guided discussion will center on the idea that the “future belongs to those of us that remain aware and vigilant” and will be aimed at addressing current beliefs, the differences and

commonalities between the two major political parties, the changing demographics of where we are today and how we must all be involved moving forward. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Trent Ball at 573-986-6135 or [tball@semo.edu](mailto:tball@semo.edu).

**Date:** February 13, 2017

**Time:** 5 p.m.

**Event:** Where Do We Stand?

**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
University Center, Redhawks Room  
One University Plaza

This panel discussion will be an opportunity for African American males from the campus and community to have an open dialogue and intentional discussion regarding our role in American society. Discussion topics will include the importance of education in developing a professional mindset and the relevance of civic engagement. The purpose of the event is to cultivate an ongoing exchange of ideas among the black males on campus and in the community. African American male alumni will lead the panel and facilitate the discussion. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** James Williams at 573-986-6135 or [jcwilliams@semo.edu](mailto:jcwilliams@semo.edu).

**Date:** February 28, 2017

**Time:** Noon

**Event:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sisters Doing It For Themselves

**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
University Center  
One University Plaza

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual celebration of African American women (faculty and staff) on Southeast Missouri State University's campus. Invitees will invite one student to be encouraged

and developed as we discuss, “How to Keep Your Vision Alive.” Attendance by invitation only. Sponsored by the Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Kei-Shae McCrary at 573-986-6135 or [kmccrary@semo.edu](mailto:kmccrary@semo.edu).



**Date:** February 29, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Event:** National TRIO Day Celebration

**Place:** Southeast Missouri State University  
Show Me Center Meeting Rooms  
One University Plaza

National TRIO Day celebrates the sustained impact and success of the Federal TRIO programs in communities and recognizes the importance of educational opportunity programs in creating fairer society for all Americans. As a critical component of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, TRIO programs work to protect and further access to higher education for low income, first generation students, students with disabilities and veterans and are committed to the principles of social justice. Accomplishments of current and former participants in the Southeast Missouri State University TRIO programs and Academic Support Centers will be highlighted. Attendance is by invitation only. Sponsored by Southeast Missouri State University TRIO programs and Academic Support Centers. **Contact:** Monica Barnes at 573-986-6115 or [mbarnes@semo.edu](mailto:mbarnes@semo.edu).

# COLUMBIA

**ATTY. MICHAEL MIDDLETON**  
Commissioner, Columbia



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

*“The arch of the moral universe is long,  
but it bends toward justice.”*



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date: January 24, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: University of Missouri Celebration  
and Commemoration of Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr.**

**Place: Missouri Theater  
203 S. Ninth Street**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event is an  
annual community production of the

Chancellor's Diversity Initiative. It honors Dr. King's legacy with a high profile, distinguished speaker and community award to an individual and/or organization in the Columbia Community that exemplifies the endeavors and dreams of Dr. King. Guest speaker will be Angela Davis, scholar and activist, who will speak on the topic, "Abolitionist Movements in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Through her activism and scholarship over the last decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in our nation's quest for social justice. Her work as an educator, both at the university level and in the larger public sphere, has always emphasized the importance of building communities which struggle for economic, racial and gender justice. In recent years, a persistent theme of her work has been the range of social problems associated with incarceration and the generalized criminalization of those communities that are most affected by poverty and racial discrimination. She draws upon her own experiences in the early '70s as a person who spent 18 months in jail and on trial after being placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List." She has also conducted extensive research on numerous issues related to race, gender and imprisonment. Admission is free and open to the public. Event is sponsored by the University of Missouri Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Committee. We welcome accommodation requests for people with disabilities. **Contact:** Office of the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative at 573-882-5838 or [diversity@missouri.edu](mailto:diversity@missouri.edu).

# FULTON

**JACK MCBRIDE**  
Commissioner, Fulton



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

*"We must learn to live together as brothers  
or perish together as fools"*

**The Fulton Dr. Martin Luther King  
Celebration was not finalized at the time  
this calendar was published.**

# JEFFERSON CITY



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date:** January 11, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** Missouri Legislative Black Caucus  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Celebration

**Place:** Missouri State Capitol Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Capitol Rotunda

**Contact:** Cheryl Dozier at 573-230-1341.



# JOPLIN



Designates Youth and Family Event



**Date:** January 16, 2017

**Time:** 8:30 a.m.

**Event:** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration Breakfast

**Place:** Missouri Southern State University  
Billingsly Student Center Ballroom  
3950 E. Newman Road

Guest speaker: Mr. Alvin Miller, an advocate for social justice and educational equity. Mr. Miller has focused his efforts on youth. Recognized for leadership in community service, he has been involved with Hope Unlimited and the St. Louis County NAACP. For seven years he served as chair of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Kirkwood, Missouri. Admission is \$10/person, free to children under age 5 and MSSU students with student ID. Reservations for tickets should be submitted online or purchased at the Campus ticket office by 5 p.m. Wednesday, January 11. **Contact:** Faustina Abrahams, Chairperson, MSSU Diversity Advisory Committee at 417-625-9521 or [Abrahams-f@mssu.edu](mailto:Abrahams-f@mssu.edu).

**Date: January 16, 2017**

**Time: 10 a.m. – Noon**

**1 – 3 p.m.**

**Event: MSSU Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day of Service**

Participants will be able to select from a list of non-profit organizations in need of volunteer services that day. Names of the organizations and available times will be available at **Day of Service Organization website**. Service times will vary by location. The website will note organizations where children will be welcome to serve as well. Note the times of service requested, the type of assistance needed and contact the organizations representative directly.

**Contact:** Faustina Abrahams, Chairperson, MSSU Diversity Advisory Committee at 417-625-9521 or [Abrahams-f@mssu.edu](mailto:Abrahams-f@mssu.edu).



# KANSAS CITY AREA

**LESSIE THOMPSON**  
Commissioner, Lee's Summit



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***"Freedom is never voluntarily given by the  
oppressor,  
it must be demanded by the oppressed!"***



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date: January 6, 2017**  
**Time: 7 p.m.**  
**Event: Artist Tribute**  
**Place: Victorious Life Church**  
**3400 The Paseo**

Special guest will be Dr. Marvin Sapp, gospel recording artist and author of several books. **Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a non-violent, direct action, social change organization founded nationally in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a group of Southern ministers.

**Date: January 8, 2017**  
**Time: 3:30 p.m.**  
**Event: Interfaith Service**  
**Place: Community Christian Church**  
**4601 Main Street**

Special guest will be Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle, president of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. **Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a non-violent, direct action, social change organization founded nationally in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a group of Southern ministers.

**Date: January 10, 2017**  
**Time: Noon**  
**Event: Rev. Dr. Nelson “Fuzzy”  
Thompson**  
**Community Luncheon**  
**Place: Downtown Marriott**  
**200 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St.**

Special guest will be C. Nicole Mason, author, “Born Bright: A Young Girl’s Journey from Nothing to Something in America.” She is also a policy expert and economic justice crusader. **Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a non-violent, direct action, social change organization founded nationally in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a group of Southern ministers.



**Date: January 13, 2017**  
**Time: 8 a.m.**  
**Event: Youth Workshop**  
**Place: Kauffman Conference Center**  
**4801 Rockhill Road**

**Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a non-violent, direct action, social change organization founded nationally in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a group of Southern ministers.

**Date: January 14, 2017**  
**Time: 9 a.m.**  
**Event: Prayer Breakfast**  
**Place: College Basketball Experience**  
**1401 Grand Blvd.**

Special guest will be Dr. Jackie Gill, president, MCC-Business and Technology.

**Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a non-violent, direct action, social change organization founded nationally in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a group of Southern ministers.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous  
than sincere ignorance and conscientious  
stupidity.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



**Date: January 14, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Event: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King  
State Celebration**

**Place: St. James United Methodist Church  
5540 Wayne  
Rev. Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III,  
Sr. Pastor**

This event will feature talent from the Kansas City Metropolitan area and will include dancers, soloist, drama, poetry and chorus. Guest speaker will be Dr. Kirk A. Nooks, Ed.D., president, MDCC-Longview. Special Musical Guest: "Book of GAIA," a female vocal ensemble. The event will also include comments from local leaders. It is co-sponsored by the Connection Committee of Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Mrs. LaTanya Patton, president. Ms. Carol Graves is Connection chairperson. Admission is free. **Contact:** Mrs. Lessie J. Thompson at 816-763-1232 or [ctljt2804@aol.com](mailto:ctljt2804@aol.com).

**Date: January 15, 2017**

**Event: Olathe MLK Celebration**

**Place: Embassy Suites Olathe Conference  
Center  
100 E. Santa Fe**

Keynote speaker will be Bob Kendrick, Executive Director of the Negro League Baseball Museum. Scholarships will be announced and there will be a choir and student performances. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Olathe Human Relations Commission. **Contact:** Vanessa Vaughn West at 913-971-8827 or [vlvaughnwest@olatheks.org](mailto:vlvaughnwest@olatheks.org).

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: 3:30 p.m.**  
**Event: Community Forum**  
**Place: Friendship Baptist Church**  
**3530 Chelsea**

**Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) is a non-violent, direct action, social change organization founded nationally in 1957 by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and a group of Southern ministers.

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: 7 p.m.**  
**Event: Independence, MO**  
**Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration**  
**Place: Truman Memorial Building**  
**416 W. Maple**

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Presentation Theme: Empower the Individual. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tex Sample, author, who marched with Dr. King. He has always been in the forefront of human rights issues. Admission is free. Sponsored by the City of Independence, Community of Concerned Citizens, Independence School District, Ministerial Alliance, INHR (Independence Human Relations). **Contact:** Nancy Harris, MLK Coalition at 816-461-7567.

**Date: January 19, 2017**  
**Time: 6 p.m.**  
**Event: Black Achiever Dinner**  
**Place: Federal Reserve Bank**  
**1 Memorial Drive**

**Contact:** Arlana J. Coleman at 913-522-7526 or [ajoycole@att.net](mailto:ajoycole@att.net). The Southern

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# KIRKSVILLE

**BERTHA THOMAS**  
Commissioner, Kirksville



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Quote:

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date:** January 16, 2017  
**Time:** 9 a.m.  
**Event:** Unity Breakfast: A Day of  
Dialogue  
**Place:** Truman State University

Keynote speaker is the Reverend Dr. Jamie Washington, co-founder of the Social Justice Institute. There will be a collection of non-perishable food items at this event. **Contact:** Carol L. Bennett at 660-785-4142.

Please contact Ms. Bennett regarding the other MLK Events: A Day of Service and a Mini-Workshop for staff and faculty “Understanding Diversity and Intersectionalities.

In Selma, Alabama, 1965, the “march on ballot boxes” was met with extreme brutality. People from all over the country, including many clergymen, came to protest and support the demonstrations. One of them, Rev. James Reeb, was beaten to death.

*“Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography”*

# *ST. LOUIS REGIONAL AREA*



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date: January 3 – February 28, 2017**  
**Event: Martin Luther King Jr. Timeline**  
**Place: St. Louis Public Library**  
**Cabanne Branch**  
**1106 Union Blvd.**

Cabanne staff are creating a timeline to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s life with emphasis on his Purpose of Education article from the Morehouse College student paper, the Maroon Tiger, 1947. Cabanne staff are also going to create a book display of Martin Luther King Jr.'s books as well as books about him. To help accentuate the month long Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, Cabanne will have a trivia board with a new trivia question daily. Event is for Adults.  
**Contact:** 314-367-0717.

**ANITA BANKS**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

*“If I can help somebody as I pass along,  
then my living will not be in vain.”*



**Date: January 4, 2017**

**Time: 6 p.m.**

**Event: Peace Wreath**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Schlafly Branch**

**222 N. Euclid Avenue**

To promote brotherhood and celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy, children will create a wreath of many shades of hands. Event is for Families. **Contact:** 314-367-4120.



**Date: January 5, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: Martin Luther King: Peace  
Poetree**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Divoll Branch  
4234 N. Grand Blvd.**

Come together. Create. Write. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s belief in being creative, living dreams, and fostering community, join us to write a brief haiku, poem or statement to be displayed on a Peace Tree bulletin board throughout the month. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-534-0313.



**Date: January 5, 2017**

**Time: 6 p.m.**

**Event: Martin Luther King Jeopardy**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Julia Davis Branch  
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.**

Patrons will participate in a game of Jeopardy answering questions pertaining to Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy. The room will be split into two teams. In doing this, our patrons will gain knowledge that they might not have known prior to this evening, along with learning they can find more information in our Julia Davis collection of books. Event is for Families. **Contact:** 314-383-3021.

**Date: January 6, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: I've Been to the Mountaintop:  
Readers Theater in Five Voices**

**Place: Washington Tabernacle MB  
Church  
3200 Washington Blvd.**

A Call to Conscience (C2C) will present Dr. Martin Luther King's final speech, "I've Been to the Mountaintop" that was delivered at the Mason Temple Church of God in Christ on the eve of his assassination April 3, 1968. This interactive play, replete with music that was popular during the Civil Rights Movement, transports the audience back to the Mason Temple COGIC when the 3,000 plus crowd came to hear Dr. King's address during the sanitation workers' strike in Memphis Tennessee. This event is a fundraiser to benefit the John E. and Regina Nance Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donation is \$10. For ticket information, please contact Linda Smith at 314-607-8919.



**Date: January 7, 2017**

**Time: 10 a.m.**

**Event: Young Explorer Series: Friends  
and Community**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Buder Branch  
4401 Hampton Ave.**

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day and his ideas of brotherhood, our Young Explorer Series will focus on friendship and working together. Story, games and a collaborative art project earn you a badge. Event is for Families. **Contact:** 314-352-2900.

Early in 1957 sixty black leaders founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and elected Martin Luther King Jr. president. In May he organized the Prayer Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C., the biggest civil rights demonstration that had been made by Negroes.

*“Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography”*

**Date: January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2017**

**February 4, 18, & 25, 2017**

**Time: 11:30 a.m.**

**Event: Nobody’s Boy**

**Place: Missouri History Museum**

**Seeking St. Louis: Currents**

**Gallery Theater**

**5700 Lindell Blvd.**

Inspired by the Missouri History Museum’s book **Nobody’s Boy**, this is the real-life

story of an enslaved child named George whose owner brought him to St. Louis at about the age of five. Disregarded by his white, slave-owning father and with no last name, George longs to escape the lot of being “nobody’s boy.” Admission is free.

**Contact:** 314-746-4599 or

[info@mohistory.org](mailto:info@mohistory.org).

**Date:** January 7, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Celebration Commission Kick-off**

**Program for Missouri**

**Place:** Harris-Stowe State University

**Main Auditorium**

**3026 Laclede Avenue**

2017 Theme: “Their Time, Our Issues, a Dialogue with Young Leaders!” Keynote speaker will be Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, host of BET News and VH1 Live and political contributor for CNN. During the program, Dr. Hill will moderate a panel discussion on the theme. Performances by Shades of Music and Angela Sutherlin. The pre-program will include a performance of “Glory” by Braylon and Morgan Taylor. A reception will follow the program and will feature Danita Mumphard and her band. All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis except for those reserved for program participants and awardees. Admission is free and open to the public. **Contact:** Harris-Stowe State University at 314/340-3386.

**Date:** January 9, 2017  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** MLK Book Club  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Central Library, Teen Lounge  
1301 Olive Street

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., we will discuss *March: Book 2* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. Event is for Teens. **Contact:** 314-241-2288.



**Date:** January 10, 2017  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** Brotherhood: Martin Luther King Jr.  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Machacek Branch  
6424 Scanlan Ave.

Children will design a mural to display in the library celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and what brotherhood means to them. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-781-2948.



**Date: January 10, 2017**

**Time: 6 p.m.**

**Event: Planting Seeds of Empowerment**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Carpenter Branch**

**3309 S. Grand Blvd.**

Come create a leaf for our Empowerment Tree mural with the name of a person who has inspired you. Then plant a seed and talk about how you can empower others. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-772-6586.

**Date: January 11, 2017**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Event: Brotherhood Tree**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Cabanne Branch**

**1106 Union Blvd.**

What does brotherhood mean to you? Add to our brotherhood tree! **Contact:** 314-367-0717.

**Date: January 12, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: Brotherhood North City**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Divoll Branch**

**4234 N. Grand Blvd.**

Attendees will piece together quotes of Martin Luther King Jr. and other African Americans, photos of Divoll patrons and design components. These elements will create a mural representing the strength and

unity of brothers in the community of the Divoll Branch. Event is for Teens and Adults. **Contact:** 314-534-0313.

**DR. JAMES BUFORD**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***“Our lives begin to end the day we become  
silent about things that matter.”***



**Date: January 12, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: Empowerment Tree**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Barr Branch**

**1701 S. Jefferson Ave.**

Create a leaf for our Empowerment Tree, write or draw your loved ones and heroes on it. We will combine everyone's leaf and

create our own Empowerment mural! Event is for Families. **Contact:** 314-771-7040.

**Date:** January 12, 2017

**Time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Event:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Trivia Contest

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Kingshighway Branch  
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.

Test your knowledge of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement. Event is for Teens. **Contact:** 314-771-5450.

**Date:** January 12, 2017

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Event:** I Am My Brother's Keeper

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Representatives from organizations including 100 Black Men, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Ethics Project will discuss how their organizations contribute to building brotherhood, fostering community, encouraging creativity and pursuing dreams along with what changes need to be made, and how we can all assist in creating a better existence. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-367-4120.

**Date: January 13 & 15, 2017**  
**Time: 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.**  
**Event: Movie: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Documentary**  
**Place: Afro World**  
**7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.



**Date: January 14 and 16, 2017**  
**Time: 10 am. – 2 p.m.**  
**Event: MLK Family Celebration**  
**Place: Missouri History Museum**  
**5700 Lindell Blvd.**

Bring your family to the museum to learn about and celebrate the American hero Martin Luther King Jr. The first 150 kids ages 12 and under to arrive at the museum each day will receive an MLK story book to take home. **10 – 11 a.m.:** King Family Kids Movement workshop presented by Mama Lisa – Feet be Free! Join Mama Lisa for a fitness workout to prepare kids for a freedom walk through time, featuring songs and stories of inspiration during the Civil Rights Movement. **Noon:** *Celebrate Dr. King* musical performance by Dre Hilton; **10 a.m. – 2 p.m.:** get creative and make peace-inspired art projects to take away. Admission is free. **If you are interested in bringing a group, please call 314-454-3114 to discuss options for attending.** **Contact:** 314-746-4599 or [info@mohistory.org](mailto:info@mohistory.org).



**Date:** January 14, 2017

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Event:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhythm & Rhyme: A  
Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Baden Branch  
8448 Church Road

This event has brought the community together every year to share their writing. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of “Brotherhood” and unity in our communities. Join gifted neighborhood talent and other local performers as we read, sing and recite poetry together – once again forging Dr. King’s dream of forever using time creatively in hope to do great things. Event is for ages 12 and up/Families.  
**Contact:** 314-388-2400.

**Date: January 15, 2017**  
**Time: 2 p.m.**  
**Event: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**Veterans' Sunday Supper**  
**Place: Omega Center**  
**3900 Goodfellow Blvd.**

In commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Omega Chapter and the men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Upsilon Omega Chapter will host a sit-down Sunday Supper in honor of over 400 veterans and military families. Information on economic issues through education, volunteer speakers, demonstrations, movie screenings and resource booths will also be available to veterans. Admission is free and all veterans and military families are welcome to attend.

**Contact:** <http://AKAgostl.com/events>;  
<http://upsilonomega.org/events>; or 314-282-8018.

**Date: January 15, 2017**  
**Time: 3 p.m.**  
**Event: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK Celebration**  
**Place: Grace and Peace Fellowship**  
**5574 Delmar Blvd.**

Skinker DeBaliviere neighborhood celebrates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and honors neighbors who carry on his work. Admission is free. Sponsored by Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council.  
**Contact:** Brandon Sterling at 314-862-5122 or [sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com](mailto:sdcc@skinker-debaliviere.com).

**Date: January 15, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin  
Luther King Jr.**

**Place: Hazelwood Civic Center East  
8969 Dunn Road**

Dr. Daniel Isom, Ph.D., will be the keynote speaker. Other participants will be Mr. Howard Richards and music by David Graham. The program will include candle lighting and refreshments. Admission is free. **Contact:** Pam Reynolds at 314-731-0980.

**Date: January 16, 2017**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Event: Civic Ceremony**

**Place: Old Court House Rotunda  
4<sup>th</sup> & Market**

Theme: "The Struggle Continues – Non-violence is the Way." Pre-celebration activities will begin at 9 a.m. with the civic ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. The civic ceremony will include greetings and remarks from elected officials and other dignitaries and statements of concern from concerned citizens. At 11 a.m., the March of Celebration will begin in the streets of downtown St. Louis and proceed to Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church where an interfaith service will begin at 12:30 p.m. Performances by Community Gospel Choirs, Missouri Gospel Fellowship Choir, Evang. Terry Gold, Minister Chuck Spearman, Michael Latchison Singers, Dr. Marabeth Gentry and Brother Austin Layne. Speakers from the pulpit, the pew and the community will discuss poverty, racism and

violence as the struggle continues. Church will have special seating for pastors and civil rights leaders. Admission is free. Churches, youth groups and families are encouraged to participate. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Committee, Lady Merdean Gales, president; Nigel Word, vice president; Mr. Gary Boyd, program coordinator; Patricia Barber, secretary and Norman R. Seay, founder. **Get your celebration buttons by calling 314/583-0532.** Join us for one of the greatest celebrations ever!

**LADY MERDEAN GALES**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***“To curb injustices, you must expose them before the light of human conscience, and the bar of public opinion, regardless of whatever tensions that exposure generates.”***

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: 9 a.m.**  
**Event: Let Freedom Ring**  
**Place: Christ Church Cathedral**  
**Episcopal Church**  
**13<sup>th</sup> & Locust**

A daylong observance of the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All are invited to come, sit and listen and/or read the writings and speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Let his words resound and wash over you. To read, just come up to the front and indicate to the reader that you wish to take over. Admission is free. Sponsored by Christ Church Cathedral. **Contact:** Cathedral office at 314-231-3454 or visit website at <http://www.christchurchcathedral.us/upcoming-events/>

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: 11 a.m.**  
**Event: Remembering Why and**  
**Continuing the Way**  
**Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church**  
**3141 LaSalle Street**

A tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Admission is free. **Contact:** Viola Biggers at 314-239-5786 or [comptonhillmbchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:comptonhillmbchurch@yahoo.com).

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: 2 p.m.**  
**Event: MLK Salutes**  
**Place: Ambassador Event Center**  
**9800 Halls Ferry Road**

Salute to Blacks. Special guests include Steve Roberts, Kim Gardner, Vernon Betts, Bruce Franks, Rasheen Aldridge and Martin Mathews. Free food, music, cash bar.  
**Contact:** George Poole at 314-255-3500 or GeorgePoole314@gmail.com.

**Date: January 16, 2017**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Event: Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Celebration Lecture**

**Place: Washington University School of  
Medicine**

**Eric P. Newman Center**

**320 S. Euclid Avenue**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Lecture is a celebration of the life and legacy of the civil rights leader. Special guest is Robert D. Bullard, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University. Often described as the father of environmental justice, Professor Bullard is the author of 18 books that address sustainable development, environmental racism, urban land use, community reinvestment housing, transportation and other crucial environmental justice issues. A truly tireless human rights activist and leading voice against environmental racism, Dr. Bullard is an outspoken critic of the Flint water crisis. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Office of Diversity Programs at Washington University School of Medicine.

**Date: January 16, 2017**

**Time: 7 – 8:30 pm.**

**Event: Washington University in St. Louis  
Martin Luther King Jr. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Commemoration**

**Place: Washington University  
Danforth Campus  
Graham Chapel  
1 Brookings Drive**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration is an annual celebration honoring the legacy of Dr. King and the impact he has made on those who carry the torch for humanity. This is Washington University's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration. It represents an alliance of dedicated faculty, staff and students representing various departments, offices and organizations in an effort to keep the dream alive. Special guest will be keynote speaker Rev. Traci D. Blackmon, Executive Minister of Justice and Witness Ministries for the United Church of Christ and Pastor of Christ the King United Church of Christ in Florissant, MO. Other participants will include Orchestrating Diversity Youth Orchestra; Black Anthology, the Washington University student run production group; Washington University's Vision Gospel Choir and others. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Washington University Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee. **Contact:** Rudolph Clay Jr. at 314-935-5059 or [rudolphc@wustl.edu](mailto:rudolphc@wustl.edu).



**Date: January 17, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: Throwing and Growing  
Foundation Program and Essay  
Contest**

**Place: The Youth and Family Center  
818 Cass Avenue**

Title: "If" – I Believe. Essay recital by top three winners of the contest. Performance by the Youth and Family Center After School Youth. Guest speakers will be participants from the Throwing and Growing Foundation programs. A reception will follow. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission. **Contact:**

Commissioner Myrle Mensey Symonds at 314-660-1008 or

[throwingandgrowing@gmail.com](mailto:throwingandgrowing@gmail.com). Website: [throwingandgrowing.org](http://throwingandgrowing.org). "If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way," by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience. That will be a day not of the white man, not of the black man. That will be a day of man as man.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



**Date: January 19, 2017**

**Time: 3:30 p.m.**

**Event: A Creative Psalm of Neighborhood**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Julia Davis Branch**

**4415 Natural Bridge Ave.**

Collaborate to celebrate the Julia Davis Neighborhood! Event is for Children.

**Contact:** 314-383-3021.



**Date: January 19, 2017**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Event: Paper Doll Peace Chain**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Baden Branch**

**8448 Church Road**

Create a paper doll and add it to Baden's Peace Chain! **Contact:** 314-388-2400.

**Date: January 21, 2017**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Event: MLK Jr.: Embracing Brotherly**

**Love through Poetry**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Walnut Park Branch**

**5760 W. Florissant Ave.**

In conjunction with the Martin Luther King Jr. program theme of "Brotherhood," several local poets will read their original poems inspired by the work of Martin Luther King Jr. The program will serve as the January 2017 meeting of the Write On! Writers Group, which includes several published

poets. All poets are welcome. Participants will learn about various poetry genres. Performers will be asked to consider the Black Lives Matter movement in their work, and reflect on whether – or how – King’s quote on brotherhood relates to the movement. The program’s goal is to simply show, through poetry, that living in peace and brotherly love can come in many forms. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-383-1210.

**Date: January 26, 2017**

**Time: Noon**

**Event: Maryville University Annual  
Martin**

**Luther King Jr. Celebration**

**Place: Maryville University Auditorium  
650 Maryville University Dr.**

Featuring Bernice King. **Contact:** Turan Mullins at 314-529-9434 or [tmullins@maryville.edu](mailto:tmullins@maryville.edu).

**Date: January 28, 2017**

**Time: 3 p.m.**

**Event: Black History/Award Gospel  
Celebration**

**Place: Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Celebration will feature gospel recording artist, gospel rap Mike Dyson and Friends. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**DR. HENRY GIVENS JR.**  
**Emeritus Chairman**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

*“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”*

**Date:** January 30, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Event:** I Have a Dream Blood Donor  
Drive

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Kingshighway Branch  
2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.

St. Louis Public Libraries and the St. Louis American Red Cross partner for a blood drive and organ donor sign-up in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Blood donors can meet in KI auditorium. Blood Drive is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-771-5450.

**Date:** February 1-28, 2017  
**Time:** All Day  
**Event:** African American Inventions  
Exhibit  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Thornhill Branch  
12863 Willowick Drive

Experience a hands-on exhibit of African American innovation featuring inventors such as Elijah McCoy, George Washington Carver, Madame C.J. Walker and Lonnie Johnson. Try out these early inventions that led to today's blood banks, refrigerators, traffic signals and the Supersoaker!  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

We are prone to judge success by the index  
of our salaries or the size of our  
automobiles, rather than by the quality of  
our service and relationship to humanity.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



**Date:** February 1-28, 2017  
**Time:** All Day  
**Event:** Black History Scavenger Hunt  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Stop by the teen area each week to complete various scavenger hunts and other activities.

Turn in your completed scavenger hunt to the front desk to receive a prize. Ages 12-17. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 1-28, 2017

**Time:** All Day

**Event:** Fun, Facts and Figures

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Eureka Hills Branch  
156 Eureka Towne Center

Visit the Black History Month display in the children's area to complete the daily challenge to win a prize. Ages 6-12.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 1-28, 2017

**Time:** All Day

**Event:** Walking in Someone Else's Shoes

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Mid-County Branch  
7821 Maryland Ave.

Step into history and take "a walk into the past" with the Urban Museum Collaborative (UMC) exhibit. Through artifacts, text and character cards, the intersecting stories of individuals associated with two historic houses – the Campbell House Museum and the Field House Museum – come into focus. These two women and two men lived in the tumultuous times surrounding the Civil War. Their struggles and issues of compassion, advocacy, resilience and justice connect to our communities today. **Contact:**

[www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 1, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Event:** Story Time Featuring  
African American Authors

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Mid-County Branch  
7821 Maryland Ave.

Join us for a special story time featuring picture books written by African American authors. Stay for a craft that celebrates diversity. Ages 2-5.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**CONSTANCE GULLY**  
**Emeritus Chairwoman**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

*“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”*

**Date:** February 1, 2017  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** St. Louis Freedom Struggle  
1821-1968  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Prairie Commons Branch  
915 Utz Lane

St. Louis played a leading, under-appreciated role in the battle for fair and equitable treatment. Gwen Moore will speak about the times before Brown v Board of Education and during the modern Civil Rights Movement. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 2, 2017  
**Time:** 4 p.m.  
**Event:** Best Bites Cookbook Club:  
African American Chefs  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Thornhill Branch  
12863 Willowick Drive

This month, our cookbook club will celebrate and savor recipes of African American chefs and cookbook authors. Please bring small samples for 15 and a copy of your recipe. Adults. Registration required. Auditorium. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 2, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
of The Underground Railroad  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Grand Glaize Branch  
1010 Meramec Station Road

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and up.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 3, 2017

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Event:** Donuts and a Movie: “Selma”

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Grand Glaize Branch  
1010 Meramec Station Road

MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 127 min. ©Paramount Pictures. Adults. Room 1.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 3, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Crafty Café: African Paper  
Beads

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Weber Road Branch  
4444 Weber Road

Learn how to make African paper beads to create all kinds of jewelry. All ages.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 4, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Event:** Discovering Your African  
American Ancestors

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Mid-County Branch  
7821 Maryland Ave.

Interested in finding your African American roots? This class will show you how to research your ancestors using two case studies. The first will show you how to get started, and the second will demonstrate how you can use specific source materials to solve common road blocks. The class will conclude by investigating additional records to help deepen your research. Adults. Registration required. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

50 years ago, James Meredith begins a one-man “walk against fear” through Mississippi on June 5 and is wounded in an ambush on June 6. Dr. King, McKissick and Carmichael agree on June 7 to lead a march along Meredith’s intended route. Carmichael gives a speech calling for “black power” at a rally in Greenwood on June 16. “Meredith March” ends with a rally in Jackson on June 26.



**Date: February 4, 2017**

**Time: 10 a.m.**

**Event: Young Explorer’s Series: Equality  
Pep Rally**

**Place: Buder Branch  
4401 Hampton Ave.**

Part of our Young Explorer’s Series, participants will explore the topic of equality in education through story, games and crafts.

Come to the program to earn a badge!

**Contact:** 314-352-2900.



**Date:** February 4, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Black History on Film:

“More than a Month” (2012)

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

Jamestown Bluffs Branch

4153 N. Highway 67

Light refreshments will be served. MPAA rating: NR. Running time: 60 min. ©In Search of Carter G., LLC. Not recommended for ages under 13-years-old. Room 2.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 4, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Africa to America

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

Weber Road Branch

4444 Weber Road

Presented by Beyond Measure Dance Theater. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 4, 2017

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Event:** Meet/Greet Dr. Johnson, Author

The Black Biblical Heritage

**Place:** Afro World

7276 Natural Bridge Road

Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.



**Date:** February 6, 2017

**Time:** 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Film Screening: *Ruby Bridges*

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

**Kingshighway Branch**

**2260 S. Vandeventer Ave.**

Watch the 2004 Disney film about the first Black student in a White school on this special Movie Monday. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-771-5450.



**Date:** February 6, 2017

**Time:** 4-5:30 p.m.

**Event:** From Pit Schools to Freedom  
**Schools**

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

**Walnut Park Branch**

**5760 W. Florissant Ave.**

Learn about the African American Pit Schools and Freedom Schools as described in Lesa Cline-Ransome storybooks, *Light in the Darkness* and *Freedom's School*. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-383-1210.



**Date:** February 6, 2017

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Event:** African American Read-In

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Eureka Hills Branch  
156 Eureka Towne Center

All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 6, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** Color Yourself Calm:  
Black History Month Edition

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Lewis & Clark Branch  
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

De-stress with a special Black History Month edition of beautiful, calming coloring. Black History themed coloring sheets, pencils and refreshments will be provided. Adults. Registration required. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 6, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** Discovery Club: Invent It!

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Thornhill Branch  
12863 Willowick Drive

Learn about African American inventions that led to today's blood banks, refrigerators, traffic signals and the Supersoaker! Then try your hand at creating an invention of your own! Ages 7-11. Registration required. Auditorium.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**REV. SAMMIE JONES**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***“The curse of poverty has no  
justification in our age.  
It is socially as cruel and blind  
as the practice of cannibalism at the  
dawn of civilization.”***

**Date:** February 6, 2017  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Color Yourself Calm:  
Black History Month Edition  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Rock Road Branch  
10267 St. Charles Rock Road

De-stress with a special Black History Month edition of beautiful, calming coloring. Black History themed coloring sheets, pencils and refreshments will be provided. Adults. Registration required. Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 6, 2017  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Kaitlyn Greenidge, “We Love You, Charlie Freeman”  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Headquarters  
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

The Freeman family has been invited to the Toneybee Institute to participate in a research experiment. They will live in an apartment with a young chimp, Charlie, and teach him sign language. Isolated in their nearly all-white community not just by their race but by their strange living situation, the Freemans come undone. Described by the New York Times as a “terrifically auspicious debut,” the novel is a provocative and compelling exploration of America’s failure to find a language to talk about race. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 6, 2017  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Jeopardy! Black Education in America  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Carpenter Branch  
3309 S. Grand Blvd.

Test your knowledge of current and historical local education in a game of jeopardy. Participant names will be entered in a raffle to win one of two prizes. Event is for Adults. **Contact: 314-772-6586.**



**Date:** February 7, 2017  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Event:** Stranger than Fiction:  
"Twelve Years a Slave"  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Cliff Cave Branch  
5430 Telegraph Road

Discussion of “Twelve Years a Slave” by author Solomon Northup. Books are available one month prior to the discussion.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 7, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Kids Art Fun  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Samuel C. Sachs Branch  
16400 Burkhardt Place

Discover the artwork of African American artist Horace Pippin and try your own hand at creating folk art. Ages 7-11. Registration required. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 7, 2017  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club  
“Kindred” by Octavia Butler  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Grant’s View Branch  
9700 Musick Road

Adults. Meeting Room 2.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 8 & 9, 2017  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Event:** Special Story Time:  
What a Colorful World  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Natural Bridge Branch  
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

This special story time will feature books about children of color written by African American authors and illustrators. Ages 3-6. Meeting Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Event:** Film & Discussion: *Ruby Bridges*

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

Central Library

1301 Olive St.

Watch the 2004 Disney Film about the first Black student in a white school and discuss the movie. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-241-2288.

**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Event:** Black Education Bingo

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

Cabanne Branch

1106 Union Blvd.

Play a game of bingo and learn about Black education. Event is for Teens. **Contact:** 314-367-0717.



**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Event:** School Spirit!

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

Machacek Branch

6424 Scanlan Ave.

Learn about the history of St. Louis' traditionally African American High Schools and make a pennant! Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-781-2948.



**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Event:** Black College Bingo

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

**Divoll Branch**

**4234 N. Grand Blvd.**

Challenge friends to Bingo highlighting historically Black universities! Bonus: Make your own college pennant! Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-534-0313.

We must accept finite disappointment, but  
we must never lose infinite hope.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Words from the Drum

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

**Lewis & Clark Branch**

**9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.**

Ages 5 and up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: February 8, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: Triumph Over Darkness**

**Marie Christine Williams**

**Lecture/Book Signing**

**Place: Missouri History Museum**

**Lee Auditorium**

**5700 Lindell Blvd.**

Marie Christine Williams was a 14-year-old girl living in Kingali, Rwanda on the day in 1994 when the Rwandan genocide began and her family was murdered. She was outside when a death squad burst into her home and murdered her family with machetes. When the genocide was over, 80 percent of Rwanda's Tutsi population had been slaughtered. Williams survived, but was left vulnerable and alone. As a child of mixed race, she was at even greater risk of death. Twice, she was captured and escaped. The third time she was left for dead only to be pulled from a pile of bodies by rebel soldiers. Her physical injuries required years to heal; her emotional and spiritual recovery continues to this day. Williams – now a St. Louis resident, motivational speaker and author – shares her story in this powerful program of TRIUMPH OVER DARKNESS. Copies of Williams's book, *"The Dark Side of Human Nature: The Rwandan Massacre of April-July 1994...A Personal Story,"* will be available for purchase. **Contact:** 314-746-4599 or [info@mohistory.org](mailto:info@mohistory.org).

**Date:** February 8, 2017

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Event:** Who's Who: African American  
Trivia

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Name well known and not so well known  
African Americans. Play individually or in  
teams. Prizes and refreshments provided.  
Teens. Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**MYRLE MENSEY-SYMONDS**  
Commissioner, St. Louis



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

*"If I cannot do great things, I can do small  
things in a great way."*

**Date: February 9, 2017**  
**Time: Noon**  
**Event: Black History Month Movie:**  
**“The Interrupters”**  
**Place: St. Louis County Library**  
**Prairie Commons Branch**  
**915 Utz Lane**

MPAA rating: NR. Running time: 125 min.  
©Kartemquin Films.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: February 9, 2017**  
**Time: 6 p.m.**  
**Event: Book/Movie Club:**  
**“Miracle at St. Anna”**  
**Place: St. Louis County Library**  
**Natural Bridge Branch**  
**7606 Natural Bridge Rd.**

Which was better? Read the book, then come watch the movie and discuss. MPAA rating: R. Running time: 160 min.  
©Touchstone Pictures. Adults. Meeting Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: February 10, 2017**  
**Time: 2 p.m.**  
**Event: Adeline**  
**Place: St. Louis County Library**  
**Grant’s View Branch**  
**9700 Musick Road**

Presented by the Missouri Humanities Council. Master storyteller and author Gladys Caines-Coggsell tells the story about Adeline, a slave in Savannah, Missouri. Adeline was present to hear Abraham Lincoln debate political opponent

Stephen Douglas and was freed after the Civil War, yet she chose to stay with the family to which she had been sold. Adults. Registration requested. Meeting Room 1.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 11, 2017  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Event:** Music and Movement  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Prairie Commons Branch  
915 Utz Lane

Join us for fun musical activities that promote early literacy and develop motor skills. This month we will celebrate the rich contributions that black performers have made to the American music scene. Ages 18 months-6 years. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 11, 2017  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
**Event:** Steppin' into Higher Ed  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Schlafly Branch  
225 N. Euclid Ave.

Step into higher education with a panel discussion on the Decline of Black Education. A step performance will be given by a fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta sorority. There will be a Community Fair, featuring educational organizations such as local universities, St. Louis graduates and College Bound. Step up to chat with representatives from local colleges and universities! Fraternity and sorority members will be in attendance. Event is for Families. **Contact:** 314-367-4120.

**Date:** February 11, 2017

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Event:** Black History Month Cinema:

*Lean on Me* (1989)

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library

**Buder Branch**

**4401 Hampton Ave.**

This film is loosely based on the story of the real life Joe Clark, who revived a dying school in Paterson, NJ, that was in danger of being taken over unless the students raised their test scores. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-352-2900.



**Date:** February 11, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** African American Read-In

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

**Indian Trails Branch**

**8400 Delport Drive**

All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 11, 2017  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month on Film:  
“Selma” (2014)  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Light refreshments will be served. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 120 min. ©Paramount Pictures. Not recommended for ages under 13-years-old. Room 2.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 11, 2017  
**Time:** 3 p.m.  
**Event:** Pinx Dance Performance  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Natural Bridge Branch  
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Led by Nicole “Pinky” Thomas, Pinx Academy of Dance will present a Katherine

Dunham style youth performance steeped in the rich history of St. Louis performers and their artistic endeavors. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**REV. EARL NANCE JR.**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”***

**Date: February 11, 2017**

**Time: 3 p.m.**

**Event: Jazz Concert**

**Place: Afro World**

**7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Store jazz concert featuring jazz recording artist Ron Wilkinson. Free gift for the ladies. Admission is free, but bring a

canned good to share with those in need.

**Contact:** 314-389-5194.



**Date:** February 13, 2017

**Time:** 4 p.m.

**Event:** Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
Of the Underground Railroad

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Rock Road Branch  
10267 St. Charles Rock Road

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and  
up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 14, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Event:** Arts of Africa: Paper Beads

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Oak Bend Branch  
842 S. Holmes

Learn how to make African paper beads, as  
they do in Uganda, to create a piece of  
unique jewelry. Supplies provided.  
Registration required.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 14, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
Of the Underground Railroad

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Natural Bridge Branch  
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and  
up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

The good neighbor looks beyond the  
external accidents and discerns those inner  
qualities that make all men human and,  
therefore, brothers.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



**Date: February 14, 2017**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Event: Exploration Station:  
African Americans in STEM**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Natural Bridge Branch  
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.**

This special Exploration Station will focus  
on African American leaders in STEM and  
their contributions to the world. Ages 2-17.  
Meeting Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 14, 2017**

**Time: 6 p.m.**

**Event: Candles for Steamboat School**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Carpenter Branch  
3309 S. Grand Blvd.**

Hear a story about the Steamboat School  
here in St. Louis and make a candle like the  
children used in the story. Event is for  
Children. **Contact:** 314-772-6586.



**Date: February 15, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: School Mascot Trivia**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Cabanne Branch**

**1106 Union Blvd.**

Learn about African American school mascots and their history by playing a school trivia game. Event is for Children.

**Contact:** 314-367-0717.



**Date: February 15, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: Bet You Can't Eat Just One**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Eureka Hills Branch**

**156 Eureka Towne Center**

Learn about the famous African American chef and restaurateur George Crum who invented the potato chip and have a potato chip taste-off to determine the tastiest chip. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: February 15, 2017**

**Time: 6 p.m.**

**Event: Movie Night: "The Color Purple" (1985)**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Weber Road Branch**

**4444 Weber Road**

MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 152 min. ©Warner Bros. Pictures. Adults.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**DR. GWENDOLYN PACKNETT**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***“The hope of a secure and livable world  
lies with disciplined nonconformists who  
are dedicated to justice, peace and  
brotherhood.”***



**Date: February 15, 2017**

**Time: 10 a.m.**

**Event: Gift of Reading: Focus on Black  
History**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Lewis & Clark Branch  
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.**

As part of our monthly Gift of Reading story time, we will focus on the African American experience through stories and crafts. Ages 3-6. Adult must accompany child.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 15, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Community Conversations:  
Washington Park Cemetery

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Lewis & Clark Branch  
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

Learn about the history, turmoil and transformation of Washington Park Cemetery, the oldest African American cemetery in the St. Louis area. The event will include a panel discussion and photos from the upcoming exhibition “Higher Ground: Honoring Washington Park Cemetery, Its People and Place,” opening at the Sheldon Art Galleries in March. Adults.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 15, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** Book Club: “Between the  
World and Me”

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Eureka Hills Branch  
156 Eureka Towne Center

Book by Ta-Nehisi Coats. Adults.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 15, 2017

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Event:** The Rowdy-Readers  
After Dark Book Club

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Prairie Commons Branch  
915 Utz Lane

We will be discussing “The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace” by Jeff Hobbs.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 16, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Book Journeys: “The Sacrifice”  
By Joyce Carol Oates

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Indian Trails Branch  
8400 Delport Drive

Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. Registration recommended.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 16, 2017**

**Time: 3:30 p.m.**

**Event: Nightjohn and the African  
American Pit Schools**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Julia Davis Branch  
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.**

Learn about the African American Pit Schools as described in *Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-383-3021.

**Date: February 16, 2017**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Event: High School Pennants**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Carondelet Branch  
6800 Michigan Ave.**

Which historic African American High School are you rooting for? Event is for Teens. **Contact:** 314-752-9224.

**Date: February 16, 2017**

**Time: 4:30 p.m.**

**Event: Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
of The Underground Railroad**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Eureka Hills Branch  
156 Eureka Towne Center**

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 16, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Event: Africa to America**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Headquarters**

**1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.**

Presented by Beyond Measure Dance Theater. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

King's first book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, was published in May of 1958. While autographing copies in a Harlem department store, King was attacked and stabbed by a crazed woman who plunged a letter opener into his chest.

*"Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, An Ebony Picture Biography"*



**Date: February 16, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Event: Black History Month**

**Family Coloring Craze**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Rock Road Branch**

**10267 St. Charles Rock Road**

Bring family and friends or come on your own, while reducing your stress level with art and a movie. We'll have a variety of coloring sheets related to Black History to choose from. Art supplies provided. All ages. Registration required. Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**MAYOR FRANCIS SLAY**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Quote:

*“The hope of a secure and livable world  
lies with disciplined nonconformists who  
are dedicated to justice, peace and  
brotherhood.”*



**Date: February 17, 2017**

**Time: 10:30 a.m.**

**Event: Amazing Grace**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Thornhill Branch**

**12863 Willowick Drive**

Celebrate Black History Month with stories  
and crafts. Ages 3-8. Auditorium.

**Contact: [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).**

**Date:** February 17, 2017  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
**Event:** *Battle: Change from Within*  
Machacek Branch Book  
Discussion Group  
**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Machacek Branch  
6424 Scanlan Ave.

A viewing of the documentary film *Battle: Change from Within* about a high school educator's role in desegregating Columbia, Missouri schools. Film will be followed by a discussion. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-781-2948.

**Date:** February 17, 2017  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Black History Month Film  
Discussion: "Race"  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Cliff Cave Branch  
5430 Telegraph Road

Join us for a lively discussion after the movie. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 134 min. ©Focus Features. Recommended for adults.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 17, 2017  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Event:** Oak Bend History Book Club:  
"Invisible Thread" by  
Laura Schroff  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Oak Bend Branch  
842 S. Holmes

Are you interested in reading about history? Would you like to meet other people who also share your fascination with the ever-changing tides of history? Join the Oak Bend History Book Club. This month we will read and discuss “Invisible Thread” by Laura Schroff. Adults.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 17, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** Set the Night to Music

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

Lewis & Clark Branch

9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

Saxophonist and songwriter, Rod Tate will perform a mixture of smooth contemporary worship, jazz and R&B. The evening will also feature the Love Jones Band performing a variety of music including soul, funk, pop, R&B and jazz. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 18, 2017

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Event:** Gentlemen of Vision

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

Jamestown Bluffs Branch

4153 N. Highway 67

Enjoy a performance from the nationally acclaimed dance troupe Gentlemen of Vision as they take us on a journey with stepping. All ages.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 18, 2017  
**Time:** 1 p.m.  
**Event:** World Cinema:  
“Hotel Rwanda”  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Oak Bend Branch  
842 S. Holmes

Join us for film selections celebrating other cultures and places. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 122 min. ©United Artists ©Lionsgate. Adults.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 18, 2017  
**Time:** 2 p.m.  
**Event:** Reading Women Book Group:  
“The Skin I’m In” by  
Sharon Flake  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Thornhill Branch  
12863 Willowick Drive

Copies of the book are available for checkout one month prior to the meeting. Adults. Small meeting room. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

All men are caught in an inescapable  
network of mutuality.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

**HON. BETTY THOMPSON**  
**Commissioner, St. Louis**



Dr. Martin Luther King Quote:

*“The function of education is to teach one  
to think intensively and to think critically.  
Intelligence plus character – that is the  
goal of true education”*

**Date: February 18, 2017**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Event: Black History Month on Film:**

**“Slavery by Another Name” (2012)**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Jamestown Bluffs Branch**

**4153 N. Highway 67**

Light refreshments will be served. MPAA  
rating: NR. Running time: 90 min. ©PBS.  
Not recommended for ages under 13-years-  
old. Room 2. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 18, 2017**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Event: Africa to America**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Prairie Commons Branch  
915 Utz Lane**

Presented by Beyond Measure Dance Theater. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: February 18, 2017**

**Time: 3 p.m.**

**Event: Conversation with Journalist  
Sylvester Brown**

**Place: Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Sylvester Brown, founder of the “Sweet Potato Project,” will speak on what’s next for our community. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date: February 18, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: The Story of Shelley v. Kraemer  
Short Film Screening**

**Place: Missouri History Museum  
Lee Auditorium  
5700 Lindell Blvd.**

The U.S. Supreme Court decision in Shelley v. Kraemer held that courts couldn’t enforce racial covenants in real estate. This 1948 ruling on a case that started in St. Louis forever changed America. Join us for a viewing of this short documentary film (14

min.) by author Jeffrey Copland, that tells the remarkable story of the case and the brave and dedicated St. Louisans who banded together to help bring it about. Afterward, some of those involved in the case will speak about their experience.

**Contact:** 314-746-4599 or  
[info@mohistory.org](mailto:info@mohistory.org).

**Date:** February 19, 2017

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Event:** Joys of Glory Gospel Singers

**Place:** Solomon Temple M.B. Church

4859 St. Louis Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63115

Guests include: Solomon Temple M.B. Church Choir, Cool Valley Quintet, St. Louis Profiles of St. Louis Businesses, The Ivy Airs, The Gospel Wings, Joyfullettes Gospel Singers, The Jordon Airs and Let's Praise Him Broadcast Team.

Everyone is invited. A free-will offering accepted.

**Contact:** 314-355-1528

**Date:** February 20, 2017

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.

**Event:** Outsider Art Outside

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

Prairie Commons Branch

915 Utz Lane

What if you have a creative spark, but you don't have any formal training and an art gallery won't even look at you? Black Southerners sometimes set up "Yard Shows," which were sculptural arrangements made of discarded items. Teens will work together to transform trash to treasure as we create a sculpture for the prairie Commons community garden in honor of this quirky artistic tradition. Ages 12-18. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Event:** Budding Artists

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

Prairie Commons Branch

915 Utz Lane

Join us for a preschool art program where the focus is on the process of making art rather than the finished product. In honor of

Black History Month, all of our projects during this session will be inspired by African American artists. Art activities will be open-ended and explorative in nature. Dress to be messy. Ages 3-6. Registration required. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Event:** Special Story Time:  
Celebrating Diversity

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Weber Road Branch  
4444 Weber Road

We will share beautifully diverse stories all by and about African American heroes! All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 2 & 7 p.m.

**Event:** Pageturners: "God Help the  
Child"

By Toni Morrison

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Grant's View Branch  
9700 Musick Road

Adults. Meeting Room 2.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** African American Experience:  
“Jam on the Vine” by LaShonda  
Katrice Barnett

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Indian Trails Branch  
8400 Delport Drive

Stop by the circulation desk to pick up a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. Registration recommended.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** African American Music Trivia  
Night

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Indian Trails Branch  
8400 Delport Drive

Do you know how many records Beyoncé has sold worldwide? Can you name all of the members of the Temptations? Compete against your neighbors in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual African American Music Trivia Night. Refreshments will be served. All ages. Registration requested.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
Of the Underground Railroad

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and  
up. Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 21, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** St. Louis Freedom Struggle  
1821-1968

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Grand Glaize Branch  
1010 Meramec Station Road

St. Louis played a leading, under-appreciated role in the battle for fair and equitable treatment. Gwen Moore will speak about the times before Brown v Board of Education and during the modern Civil Rights Movement. Adults and teens. Registration requested. Room 1.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 21, 2017  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Event:** Not Your Mother's Book  
Club: African American  
Authors  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Thornhill Branch  
12863 Willowick Drive

Join other readers in their 20s and 30s for a lively discussion of a variety of books. This month's topic/genre is African American Authors. Read what interests YOU! Ages 20s and 30s. Small meeting room.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 21, 2017  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Reginald Auger Lecture/  
Book Signing  
*The Loyola Cemetery in French  
Guiana: Memory of Slavery at a  
Sugar Plantation*  
**Place:** Missouri History Museum  
Lee Auditorium  
5700 Lindell Blvd.

Reginald Auger, Laval University (Canada), discusses 20 years of archaeological research at Loyola sugar plantation operated by the Jesuits in French Guiana from 1665 until their expulsion in 1763. Here, up to 500 slaves labored to produce a number of cash crops under the close supervision of a handful of missionaries. Admission is free.  
**Contact:** 314-746-4599 or  
[info@mohistory.org](mailto:info@mohistory.org).

**Date: February 22, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: Walking in Someone Else's Shoes**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Mid-County Branch**

**7821 Maryland Ave.**

Step into history and take “a walk into the past” with the Urban Museum Collaborative. Through a discussion of this month’s exhibit, hear the compelling narratives of individuals associated with two historic houses – the Campbell House Museum and the Field House Museum. The issue of freedom is central to the story of two women and two men who lived in the tumultuous times surrounding the Civil War. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon.  
It is a weapon unique in history, which cuts  
without wounding and enobles the man who  
wields it.

It is a sword that heals.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**Date: February 22, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: Black History Month Trivia**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Lewis & Clark Branch**

**9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.**

Do you know your Black History? Join us for fun and test your knowledge. See how many of these trivia questions about Black History you can get right. All ages. Registration requested.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 23, 2017**

**Time: 4 p.m.**

**Event: Nightjohn and the African  
American Pit Schools**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library**

**Baden Branch**

**8448 Church Rd.**

Learn about the African American Pit Schools as described in *Nightjohn* by Gary Paulsen. Event is for Children. **Contact:** 314-388-2400.



**Date: February 23, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Event: Words From the Drum**

**Place: St. Louis County Library**

**Grant's View Branch**

**9700 Musick Road**

Ages 5 and up. Meeting Room 1. **Contact:**  
[www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 23, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** The Black Experience:  
Specializing in the Art of the  
Impossible

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Headquarters  
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Join educators Dr. Stefan Bradley and De  
Nichols for a night of conversation and art  
about unlikely victories and impossible odds  
that face African Americans. Adults.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 23, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** Tracing your African American  
Ancestors

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Natural Bridge Branch  
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Interested in finding your African American  
roots? This class will show you how to  
research your ancestors using two case  
studies. The first will show you how to get  
started and the second will demonstrate how  
you can use specific source materials to  
solve common roadblocks. The class will  
conclude by investigating additional records  
to help deepen your research. Adults.  
Meeting Room 1.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 23, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Event: Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
Of the Underground Railroad**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Thornhill Branch  
12863 Willowyck Drive**

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and  
up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: February 24, 2017**

**Time: 11 a.m.**

**Event: Crisis in Education for Children in  
African American High Schools:  
101**

**Place: St. Louis Public Library  
Carondelet Branch  
6800 Michigan Ave.**

This program will present a history lesson about the education of African American children in the gateway city of St. Louis. There will be a panel discussion on the history of a “less than” equal education for this city’s African American population. This panel will consist of members of the Carondelet community who attended school before the Brown vs the Board of Education decision in 1954 along with those who attended school after this decision. The audience will be invited to participate in a conversation about their experience with the St. Louis Public School system. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-752-9224.

**Date: February 24, 2017**

**Time: Noon**

**Event: Lunchtime Movie Matinee:  
“Race”**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Oak Bend Branch  
842 S. Holmes**

Bring your lunch and enjoy a Friday afternoon movie. Light refreshments provided. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 134 min. ©Focus Features. Adults.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date: February 25, 2017**

**Time: 10 a.m.**

**Event: Africa to America**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Cliff Cave Branch  
5430 Telegraph Road**

Presented by Beyond Measure Dance Theater. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Event:** Black History Month Cinema:  
Coach Carter (2005)

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Buder Branch  
4401 Hampton Ave.

Based on a true story, this film is the inspiration behind the film of the real life coach who made headlines in 1999 when he benched his entire team due to poor academic results. Samuel L. Jackson played the title character in this 2005 movie, teaching his students there were more important things than winning. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-352-2900.

More than 2,000 demonstrators were arrested in the Birmingham anti-segregation campaign. Police used fire hoses and dogs on marching children.

*"Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968,  
An Ebony Picture Biography"*

**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Event:** Film Screening of Nightjohn

**Place:** St. Louis Public Library  
Julia Davis Branch  
4415 Natural Bridge Ave.

Access to primary education has not always been a universal right for African Americans. During the Antebellum Period, many states forbade the education of slaves and punished those who attempted to do so. This film chronicles a young slave girl, Sarny, whose life is forever changed when she is taught to read by a fellow slave. The film showcases “pit schools” which were secret schools held at night to educate African American children. A film discussion will follow. Event is for Adults. **Contact:** 314-383-3021.



**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Event:** Nothin’ But the Blues

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

**Rock Road Branch**

**10267 St. Charles Rock Road**

KDHX presents “Stories of the Blues” with KDHX DJ Ron Edwards. Ron will play his guitar and share stories and music based on his vast knowledge and unique insights of the blues. Join us for an entertaining history lesson on blues music. All ages. Registration required. Room 1. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Black History Month on Film:  
“42” (2013)

**Place:** St. Louis County Library

**Jamestown Bluffs Branch**

**4153 N. Highway 67**

Light refreshments will be served. MPAA rating: PG-13. Running time: 120 min. ©Warner Brothers Pictures. Not recommended for ages under 13-years-old. Room 2. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 2 p.m.

**Event:** Henry “Box” Brown and Tales of The Underground Railroad

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Mid-County Branch  
7821 Maryland Ave.

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Event:** Author Series Meet/Greet

**Place:** Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Authors will include Keith Antone Willis Sr., *10 Laws of the Ultimate Rainmaker* and John E. Fortson, *According to God’s Word*, and others. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.



**Date:** February 25, 2017

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Event:** Gift of Gospel Celebration

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Lewis & Clark Branch  
9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd.

This joyful program features national recording artist Eneazer Blissett Layne and Pastor David Catron, a musician and singer renowned throughout the St. Louis area. The New Mount Zion choir will also perform, along with other special guests. Light refreshments will follow the program. All ages. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 27, 2017

**Time:** 10 a.m.

**Event:** The Coloring Café:  
Resistance Art

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Cliff Cave Branch  
5430 Telegraph Road

Hear a brief presentation on the significance of African America art in times of resistance, from the civil rights era through today. Afterwards, spend time coloring and drawing your own versions of these artworks. Supplies, activity sheets, coloring

sheets and refreshments provided. **Contact:**  
[www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 27, 2017  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m.  
**Event:** Celebrating Black History Month  
**Place:** Compton Hill M.B. Church  
3141 LaSalle St.  
St. Louis, MO 63104

Featuring: Joys of Glory Gospel Singers, The Ivy Airs  
and Joyfullettes Gospel Singers.  
Sponsored by: Compton Hill Youth and Young Adults  
Contact: 314-355-1528



**Date:** February 27, 2017  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Henry “Box” Brown and Tales  
Of the Underground Railroad  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Samuel C. Sachs Branch  
16400 Burkhardt Place

Presented by Bobby Norfolk. Ages 8 and  
up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 27, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Family Movie: “Ruby Bridges”  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Indian Trails Branch  
8400 Delport Drive

Refreshments provided. MPAA rating: NR.  
Running time: 96 min. ©Disney. All ages.  
**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 28, 2017  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Event:** PJ Story Time  
**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Samuel C. Sachs Branch  
16400 Burkhardt Place

Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for a  
variety of stories, songs and finger plays.

This month we will enjoy a variety of stories by African American authors and illustrators. Ages 3-6.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).



**Date:** February 28, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Event:** A Little Jazzy

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Jamestown Bluffs Branch  
4153 N. Highway 67

Join us as we learn about jazz, read some cool stories and create jazzy art! Ages 3-9.

Registration required. Room 1.

**Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date:** February 28, 2017

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Event:** Book Discussion Group:  
"Black Man in a White Coat"  
By Damon Tweedy

**Place:** St. Louis County Library  
Weber Road Branch  
4444 Weber Road

Newcomers welcome. Adults. **Contact:**  
[www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual  
power. We have guided missiles and  
misguided men.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



**Date: February 28, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: Words From the Drum**

**Place: St. Louis County Library  
Indian Trails Branch  
8400 Delport Drive**

Ages 5 and up. **Contact:** [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

**Date: March 4, 2017**

**Time: 3 p.m.**

**Event: Actress/Life Coach Redina Medley**

**Place: Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Meet actress/life coach Redina Medley with a one act excerpt of her story, "The New Harriet Tubman" Part 1. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

We must combine the  
toughness of the serpent  
and the softness of the dove,  
a tough mind and a tender heart.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

**Date: March 11, 2017**

**Time: 3 p.m.**

**Event: Meet/Greet Women Authors**

**Place: Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date:** March 11, 2017 through  
April 15, 2018

**Event:** #1 in Civil Rights Exhibit: The  
African American Freedom  
Struggle in St. Louis

**Place:** Missouri History Museum  
5700 Lindell Blvd.

This exhibit examines the local civil rights movement and the city's leading role in advancing the cause of racial justice. From ground-level activism to groundbreaking court rulings, St. Louis has been front and center in contesting racial inequities. #1 in Civil Rights uncovers a history that's compelling and complex, but that all too often has been overlooked in the telling and retelling of the larger national narrative. That narrative includes four precedent-setting Supreme Court civil rights cases that originated in St. Louis – possibly the most to ever reach the High Court from one source. It also includes events and battles that had significant and lasting impact. Admission is free. **Contact:** 314-746-4599 or [info@mohistory.org](mailto:info@mohistory.org).

**Date:** March 25, 2017

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Event:** Actress/Life Coach Redina Medley

**Place:** Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Meet actress/life coach Redina Medley with a one act excerpt of her story, "The New

Harriet Tubman” Part 2. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.



**Date:** April 1, 2017

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Event:** Meet/Greet Author Dr. Eugene Redmond

**Place:** Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date:** May 6, 2017

**Time:** 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

**Event:** Rosebud of New York Hat Show

**Place:** Afro World  
7276 Natural Bridge Road

Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date: June 17, 2017**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
**Event: Juneteenth In-Store Celebration**  
**Place: Afro World**  
**7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date: August 1-19, 2017**  
**Time: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
**Event: Customer Appreciation Day**  
**Place: Afro World**  
**7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Buy one item, second is half price. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date: November 12, 2017**  
**Time: 11 a.m.**  
**Event: Today, We Remember Your Sacrifice**  
**Place: Compton Hill M.B. Church**  
**3141 LaSalle Street**

A tribute to U.S. Veterans. Admission is free. **Contact:** Viola Biggers at 314-239-5786 or [comptonhillmbchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:comptonhillmbchurch@yahoo.com).



**Date: December 9 & 16, 2017**  
**Event: Pictures with Soulful Santa**  
**Place: Afro World**  
**7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Pictures with “Soulful Santa tm” and book/treats for the children. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.

**Date:** December 30, 2017

**Time:** 3 p.m.

**Event:** Kwanzaa Celebration

**Place:** Afro World

**7276 Natural Bridge Road**

Celebration features actress Redina Medley. Admission is free, but bring a canned good to share with those in need. **Contact:** 314-389-5194.



# SPRINGFIELD

**CHARLOTTE HARDIN**  
Commissioner, Springfield



Favorite Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Quote:

***"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."***



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date: January 15, 2017**  
**Time: 3 p.m.**  
**Event: Dr. Martin Luther King**  
**Celebration**  
**Place: Covenant of Grace Christian**  
**Center**  
**713 S. Newton**

A celebration honoring the life and contributions of Dr. King, including musical tributes and speakers. Admission is free. Sponsored by Covenant of Grace Ministries. **Contact:** Rev. Tray Walton at 417-866-1125.

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Event: Springfield NAACP Freedom**  
**March and Rally**  
**“Your Life, Your Choice Our**  
**Voices Matter”**  
**Place: Mediacom Ice Park**  
**635 E. Trafficway**

Assemble at Mediacom Ice Park and proceed north across the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bridge, ending at the Gillioz Theatre (325 Park Central Square). The celebration will include poetry, music, guest speakers, and recognition of the NAACP/Springfield public schools MLK Essay Contest winners. Admission is free, but please bring a non-perishable food item. Sponsored by the Springfield Branch NAACP. **Contact:** Cheryl Clay at 417-234-2221 or [claynaacp4081@gmail.com](mailto:claynaacp4081@gmail.com).

**Date: January 16, 2017**  
**Time: Noon – 4 p.m.**  
**Event: Springfield Multicultural Festival**  
**Place: Missouri State University**  
**Hammons Hall for the**  
**Performing Arts**  
**525 John Q. Hammons Parkway**

An opportunity to gather diverse information and network, while experiencing multicultural performances from around the world. Admission is free. Sponsored by Unite of Southwest Missouri. **Contact:** Samuel Knox at 417-864-7444 or [unitepublication@yahoo.com](mailto:unitepublication@yahoo.com).

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate;  
only love can do that.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

**Date: February 2, 2017**  
**Time: 12:30 p.m.**  
**Event: Lunch and Learn Discussion**  
**Series**  
**“History of Springfield”**  
**Place: Missouri State University**  
**Mary Jean Price Walls**  
**Multicultural Resource Center**  
**Freudenberger House, Suite 17**

Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU  
African American Heritage Month

Committee. **Contact:** Nia Morgan at 417-836-4313 or [Nia12@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Nia12@live.missouristate.edu).

**Date:** February 3, 2017

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Event:** Missouri State University Faculty  
Recital

**Featuring Dr. Richard Todd  
Payne**

**Place:** Grace United Methodist Church  
600 S. Jefferson

A voice recital showcasing traditional gospel music, spirituals and a narration of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU Music Department and Grace United Methodist Church. **Contact:** Dr. Richard Todd Payne at 417-836-5311 or [ToddPayne@missouristate.edu](mailto:ToddPayne@missouristate.edu).



**Date: February 4, 2017**

**Time: 1 p.m.**

**Event: “Meet and Greet Celebration:**

**Show & Tell Mixer,**

**Connecting with Millennial Youth**

**And Families in a Title 1**

**Community**

**Place: Midtown Carnegie Branch**

**Library**

**397 E. Central**

Moderator, Christine Peoples presents One Word: Service – Four Speakers and You. Theatre Director, John Herbert; Motivational Speaker, Rod Smith; Springfield Public Schools Bus Driver, Mandie Williams; and Regional Business Service Representative, Cynthia Collins will all share their perspectives on the word “service.” Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O’Dell at 417-616-0564 or [kathleeno@thelibrary.org](mailto:kathleeno@thelibrary.org).

It may be true that the law cannot make a man love me, but it can stop him from lynching me, and I think that’s pretty important.

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Date:** February 6, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Event:** “Dine and Discuss Series:  
Self-Sustaining Black  
Communities”  
**Place:** Missouri State University Campus  
901 S. National

An open discussion regarding the vital components of creating, maintaining and elevating self-sustaining Black communities. Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Chris Hill at 417-836-5652 or [christopher1415@lie.missouristate.edu](mailto:christopher1415@lie.missouristate.edu).

**Date:** February 8, 2017  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Book Discussion (adult audience)  
“Ain’t I A Woman?: Female  
Slaves  
in the Plantation South”  
Deborah Gray White, author  
**Place:** Fair Grove Branch Library  
81 S. Orchard Blvd.

Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O’Dell at 417-616-0564 or [kathleeno@thelibrary.org](mailto:kathleeno@thelibrary.org).

**Date:** February 8, 2017  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Film Screening and Discussion  
“Southside with You”  
**Place:** Missouri State University  
Plaster Student Union Theatre  
901 S. National

Film screening and discussion highlighting the romance and relationship between Barack and Michelle Obama. Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Nia Morgan at 417-836-4313 or [Nia12@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Nia12@live.missouristate.edu).

**Date: February 9, 2017**

**Time: 12:30 p.m.**

**Event: Lunch and Learn Discussion Series**

**“Give Me My Credit: Widening the Scope of Black Lives Matter”**

**Place: Missouri State University**

**Mary Jean Price Walls**

**Multicultural Resource Center**

**Freudenberger House, Suite 17**

Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU African America Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Nia Morgan at 417-836-4313 or [Nia12@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Nia12@live.missouristate.edu).

**Date: February 12, 2017**

**Time: 2 p.m.**

**Event: Sunday Concert Series**

**Place: Library Center Auditorium**

**4653 S. Campbell Ave.**

Live music by the Friends of the Library/Queen City Sound. This award-winning women’s acappella group sings in the barbershop style. Enjoy the harmony and rhythms as they perform their favorite songs from jazz to gospel to contemporary pop. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District.

**Contact:** Kathleen O'Dell at 417-616-0564  
or [kathleen@thelibrary.org](mailto:kathleen@thelibrary.org).

**Date:** February 16, 2017

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Event:** Lunch and Learn Discussion  
Series

**“Blackness and the Constitution”**

**Place:** Missouri State University

**Mary Jean Price Walls**

**Multicultural Resource Center**

**Freudenberger House, Suite 17**

Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU  
African American Heritage Month  
Committee. **Contact:** Nia Morgan at 417-  
836-4313 or [Nia12@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:Nia12@live.missouristate.edu).



**Date:** February 18, 2017

**Time:** 1 p.m.

**Event:** “Can You Dig This” Documentary

**Place:** Midtown Carnegie Branch

**Library**

**397 E. Central St.**

This documentary follows the inspirational  
journeys of four unlikely urban gardeners,  
discovering what happens when they put  
their hands in the soil. The film contains  
adult content and language. This event is a

continuation of the February 4 Meet and Greet Celebration. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield-Greene County Library District. **Contact:** Kathleen O'Dell at 417-616-0564 or [kathleen@thelibrary.org](mailto:kathleen@thelibrary.org).

**Date: February 24, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: "Picture Yourself in Books"**

**Place: Springfield Art Museum  
1111 Brookside Dr.**

African American Read-In featuring a variety of community readers, poets and spoken word artists. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Springfield African American Read-In Committee. **Contact:** Dr. Grace Jackson-Brown at 417-836-4547 or [GJackson-Brown@missouristate.edu](mailto:GJackson-Brown@missouristate.edu).

**Date: February 27, 2017**

**Time: 7 p.m.**

**Event: "Race, Law Enforcement and Faith-Based Racism"**

**Place: Missouri State University  
Plaster Student Union Theatre  
901 S. National**

Guest speaker will be Ben Sanders III, Asst. Professor of Theology & Ethics at Eden Theological Seminary. Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Chris Hill at 417-836-5652 or Christopher [1415@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:1415@live.missouristate.edu).

**Date: February 28, 2017**  
**Time: 3 p.m.**  
**Event: “Courageous Conversations”**  
**Series**  
**Featuring Ben Sanders III**  
**Place: Missouri State University**  
**901 S. National**

An open discussion regarding the issues of social justice, racial inequality, economic disparities and the current political climate in the United States. Admission is free. Sponsored by the MSU African American Heritage Month Committee. **Contact:** Chris Hill at 417-836-5652 or [christopher1415@live.missouristate.edu](mailto:christopher1415@live.missouristate.edu).



# WARRENSBURG



Designates Youth and Family Event

**Date:** January 10, 2017  
**Time:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Let's Talk  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri  
Café Route  
Elliott Student Union

Topic: Today's Civil Rights. **Contact:** Ed Wirthwein at [wirthwein@ucmo.edu](mailto:wirthwein@ucmo.edu).

**Date:** January 12, 2017  
**Time:** 11:45 a.m.  
**Event:** MLK Community Service Awards  
**Place:** White Rose Pavilion  
107 Ming St.

Guest speaker will be David Pearce. Awards will be presented at the Greater Warrensburg Area Chamber of Commerce monthly business luncheon. **Register with the Chamber of Commerce by calling 660-747-3168.**

**Date:** January 16, 2017  
**Time:** 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
**Event:** MLK Service Day  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri

Pre-registration required by December 19.  
**Contact:** Kristie Brinkley or Teri Mueller at 660-543-4007; [ucmo.edu/volunteer](http://ucmo.edu/volunteer).

**Date:** January 16, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Community Praise and Worship Service  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri Alumni Chapel

**Contact:** Ed Wirthwein at [wirthwein@ucmo.edu](mailto:wirthwein@ucmo.edu).



**Date:** January 17, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Event:** Freedom Scholarship Dinner  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri Elliott Student Union Ballrooms

Featured speaker will be Beth Tankersley-Bankhead-Director of Post-Secondary Initiatives in Education for the Kauffman Foundation. Purchase dinner tickets in advance at the Mentoring, Advocacy and Peer Support Office in Dockery 212 or call 660-543-4156. **Contact:** Ed Wirthwein at [wirthwein@ucmo.edu](mailto:wirthwein@ucmo.edu).

**Date:** January 18, 2017  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
**Event:** Equality Photo Booth  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri  
Elliott Student Union Atrium

**Contact:** Ed Wirthwein at  
[wirthwein@ucmo.edu](mailto:wirthwein@ucmo.edu).

**Date:** January 18, 2017  
**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
**Event:** Student Volunteer Fair  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri  
Elliott Student Union Atrium

**Contact:** Ed Wirthwein at  
[wirthwein@ucmo.edu](mailto:wirthwein@ucmo.edu).

**Date:** January 23-24, 2017  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Event:** Community Service Blood Drive  
**Place:** University of Central Missouri  
Elliott Student Union Ballrooms

**Contact:** Ed Wirthwein at  
[wirthwein@ucmo.edu](mailto:wirthwein@ucmo.edu).

Everyone can be great,  
because everyone can serve.  
You only need a heart full of grace,  
a soul generated by love.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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Take the first step in faith. You don't have  
to see the whole staircase, just take the first  
step.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long. And every now and then I wonder what I want him to say. Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize. That isn't so important. Tell him not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards – that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody. I want you to say that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.....

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
February 1968  
Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia*

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